

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Raymond B. Persino

Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed 7/23/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's invention of claim 1 is geared toward a foldable portable having shield members in a first and second casing wherein at least one of the shields is also an antenna. The applicant's amendment filed 7/23/2004 overcomes the standing rejections and no new prior art has been discovered that would anticipate or render obvious the claims. As to reasons why the amendment overcomes the standing rejections see the applicant's arguments filed with the amendment. From the applicant's argument's it is clear that despite PIRILA et al's conductive shield (such as 304) being a ground plane for the radiative antenna, the radiative antenna is not a shield. In PIRILA et al it is the radiative antenna that is connect to the output terminal of the transmitting circuit and not the conductive shield. As such, even if the PIRILA et al's conductive shield could be considered as part of the antenna, PIRILA et al's does not teach that the shield is connected to the output terminal of the transmitting circuit and is also an antenna. Therefore, the applicant's invention of claim 1, when considered in its entirety, comprises a unique combination of subject matter that is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond B. Persino whose telephone number is (703) 308-7528. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian C. Chin can be reached on (703) 308-6739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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